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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Stephen M. Johnson	3641	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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1. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 1, use of the phrase “of the type” makes the claim indefinite as to how closely related to a firearm the structure must be to infringe the claims. In claim 1, line 9, use of the phrase “being characterized by” makes the claim indefinite because claims should be claimed in terms of what they are and not some characterization thereof. This could be clearly claimed as [being comprised of] or [being included of]. In claim 1, line 18, the phrase “forward and rearward positions” should be claimed as [said forward and rearward positions] if the previously claimed forward and rearward positions are intended. In claim 4, lines 1-2, the phrase “said side plate bottom edge” lacks an antecedent.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stoke (959).

Stoke (959) discloses a firearm comprising:

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| a) a frame; | 15, 16, 19 |
| b) a slide; | 53 |
| c) a barrel; | 17 |
| d) a firing pin; | 56 |
| e) a hammer; | 58 |

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- f) a hammer trigger mechanism; see fig. 2
- g) a side plate; 51
- h) a top planar surface of side plate; see fig. 8
- i) a flange and groove arrangement; and 52
- j) a cutout. see fig. 8

4. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith (646).

Smith (646) discloses a firearm comprising:

- a) a frame; 1, 2
- b) a slide; 50, 53
- c) a barrel; 3
- d) a firing pin; 74
- e) a hammer; 69
- f) a hammer trigger mechanism; see fig. 6
- g) a side plate; and 8
- h) a top planar surface of side plate. see fig. 7

5. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cupp (237).

Cupp (237) discloses a firearm comprising:

- a) a frame; 12, 13
- b) a slide; 14
- c) a barrel; 15
- d) a firing pin; inside 14
- e) a hammer; 25

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- f) a hammer trigger mechanism; see fig. 5
- g) a side plate; and 26
- h) a top planar surface of side plate. 26 (see fig. 5)

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-6877 and whose e-mail address is (Stephen.Johnson@uspto.gov). The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The Central FAX phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 800-786-9199.



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